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In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2176

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPLIANCE FORMS AND COMPLIANCE  
FORMS USER INTERFACE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 23, 2005

Sir:

This election is being made in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2005. The Office Action stated that the application contained inventions directed to two (2) distinct groups. The Office Action required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single disclosed group for prosecution on the merits. The two groups identified in the Office Action are:

Group I      Claims 1-33, drawn to a method for providing interactive assistance with populating an automated form, classified in class 715, subclass 507; and

Group II      Claims 34-46, drawn a method for assisting a user with developing a format for a document, classified in class 715, subclass 744.

Pursuant to the restriction requirement, the Applicants elect the prosecution on the merits of Group I recited in claims 1-33, drawn to a method for providing interactive assistance with populating an automated form, without traverse.

With the above election, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in a condition for examination on the merits. An early examination and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket number 026063-00014.**

Respectfully submitted,



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